

this land, until we shall once more stand up declaring that all men are created equal." His words, and dreams, renewed the heart of the nation to fulfill our promise to all people no matter their color, creed, or class.

Today, we too stand at a moment of decision. The debate on banning partial birth abortion provides us an opportunity of a lifetime—to protect the most innocent lives among us. This debate strikes at the very heart of who we are as a people—the core of our conscience and the character of our nation. It is our time, just as Lincoln answered the call of his convictions, to defend the defenseless and speak for those without voices.

What a privilege it is to make the right decision today.

Some in this House have cheapened this debate through distortions and distractions—not willing to unveil the reality that only seconds and inches separate thousands of children from life and death every year.

In Lincoln's time, our nation deemed slaves sixty-percent human. We shackled their legs and beat their backs. We disposed of them as mere chattel, auctioning them like cattle and demanded they give their life and labor for our prosperity. Are we much different today? We deem innocent babies—with kicking feet and beating hearts—less than human. We dispose of them as useless, in pretentious compassion discarding them as "unwanted."

Abortion is the civil rights issue of our time. This partial-birth abortion ban rescues our children from the slavery of choice.

I ask this body to make the right choice. Join Lincoln in the hallmarks of history as people who shall once more stand up declaring that all men are created equal. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the ban on partial birth abortions.

DESIGNATION OF APRIL 9, 2000 AS
WILLIE AND BERNICE RUCKER
DAY IN THIRTIETH CONGRES-
SIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2000

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON. Mr. Speaker, I proclaim April 9, 2000 as "Willie and Bernice Rucker Day", in the Thirtieth Congressional District of Texas. This distinction marks the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Rucker.

Mr. and Mrs. Rucker grew up, met and married in New Orleans, LA. Mr. Willie Rucker retired from the United States Army in 1971 after serving over 21 years. He worked for the Regional Transportation District in Denver CO, taught ROTC for Denver Public Schools, and, upon moving to Dallas, worked for Dallas Area Rapid Transit, retiring in 1996. Mr. Rucker can attribute much of his successful career to the support of his wife. Mrs. Bernice Rucker has been a constant companion, friend and mother. Mr. and Mrs. Rucker are the parents of six wonderful children, Vernon, Rodney, Clyde, Candace, Debra, and Patrick, who have become productive members of society.

Mr. Speaker, The Ruckers are a prime example of true family values. They are a testa-

ment to the virtue of marriage and an asset to Texas. I ask the citizens of the Thirtieth Congressional District of Texas to unite with me in paying tribute to these great Americans. Please join me in celebrating "Willie and Bernice Rucker Day" on April 9, 2000.

RECOGNIZING THE WESTERN MAS-
SACHUSETTS CHAMPION LUD-
LOW HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOC-
CER TEAM

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2000

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the accomplishments of the 1999 Ludlow High School girls soccer team. The Ludlow girls soccer team won the program's third Western Massachusetts title last year by defeating defending State champion Cathedral High School. The Lions defeated Central Massachusetts Champion Shrewsbury en route to the State final match, where they fell just short of their goal.

The Ludlow girls soccer team finished the year with a record 19–2–1. Ludlow was able to dominate a tough league in Western Massachusetts in 1999 by employing a highly skillful style of play. A team that was tough when it needed to be, Ludlow was capable of outclassing most of its opponents. As a result of their high class style, the Lions enjoyed the fervent support of the residents of the Town of Ludlow throughout the season.

Head Coach Jim Calheno has built a very successful program at Ludlow High School. Coach Calheno is well-respected in the teaching community and his team is duly feared. The Ludlow talent pool runs very deep, and the Lions are certain to be the team to beat in 2000. A group of talented Juniors, including All-American selection Liz Dyjak and All-New England selection Stephanie Santos, will be looking to claim the State title next season.

Mr. Speaker, allow me to recognize here the players, coaches, and managers of the 1999 Ludlow High School girls soccer team. The Seniors are: Melissa Dominique, Sandy Salvador, Angela Goncalves, Jen Crespo, Marcy Bousquet, Lynsey Calheno, Jenn Genovevo, and Leana Alves. The Juniors are: Nicole Gebo, Lindsay Robillard, Lindsay Haluch, Kara Williamson, Sarah Davis, Liz Dyjak, Stephanie Santos, Tina Santos, and Jessica Vital. The Sophomores are: Michele Goncalves, Lindsey Palatino, and Kristine Goncalves. The Freshmen are: Natalie Gebo, Lauren Pereira, Beth Cochenour, Darcie Rickson, and Amy Rodrigues. The Head Coach is Jim Calheno, and he is assisted by Saul Chelo, Nuno Pereira, Melanie Pszeniczny, and Mario Monsalve. The managers are Melissa Santos and Elizabeth Barrow.

Mr. Speaker, once again, allow me to congratulate the Ludlow High School girls soccer team on a season well played. I wish them the best of luck for the 2000 season.

TRIBUTE TO MONSIGNOR SCANLAN
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY
BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2000

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute to and congratulate the Monsignor Scanlan High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team for a very successful year. This group of 13 young women finished their season with a record of 29 wins and 1 loss.

With this record they have demonstrated that they have the ability and the desire to be assets and role models in our community. We are proud of their accomplishments and I hope they will continue to be successful both on and off the basketball court. They are terrific examples for young women throughout our communities.

Again, I congratulate them and wish them the best of luck in their future enterprises.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to and congratulating Monsignor Scanlan High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team.

HONORING DEYOSSIE HARRIS

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2000

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Deyossie Harris, Vice President of the Galveston County AFL–CIO and former Galveston County Democratic Precinct Chairperson. I unfortunately will not be able to be with him when he receives the award this Saturday, but I want to congratulate him as he is recognized by the AFL–CIO for his many year of loyal service.

Deyossie is not only a great Galvestonian, but is a great American. He meets the description of a leader, and has been involved with every aspect of the community. Deyossie has contributed so much to the community of Galveston and the people who live here. He believes in Galveston and its residents, and has unfalteringly placed his time and energy into their well being.

He is a champion of the American worker, and has truly lived up to the mission of the AFL–CIO: to improve the lives of working families by bringing economic justice to the workplace and social justice to the nation. As an officer with the NAACP, Deyossie has unfalteringly put his energy into creating a better America for all people.

A proud veteran, Deyossie served this country during World War II and was part of the forces that invaded Italy. He continued his service as a letter carrier, and upon retirement went to the University of Houston at Clear Lake and received both his bachelors and masters degrees. After graduation he taught history at the College of the Mainland. He is truly an inspiration to all, and is an example that education is something that can touch anybody, at any age. He epitomizes the phrase "education is for a lifetime."

Deyossie is a man who has committed his life not to himself, but to the people of Southeast Texas. He is a true believer in the democratic process and the idea that every body has a voice, and fought to make sure the working family's voice was strong. As an officer of the Central Labor Council, he created a tie between the community and local workers.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to speak on behalf of Mr. Deyossie Harris and all of his accomplishments. He is a man that I look to for inspiration as I continue to work for the communities and neighborhoods of Texas. While I can not be with him when he receives his award, I am proud to recognize him now.

RECOGNIZING BRADLEY FAY'S CRUSADE TO CURE DIABETES

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2000

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Mr. Bradley Fay, a nine year old hero, who inspires residents from my district through is tireless efforts in support of increased funding for diabetes research. Bradley, from Chatham, New York, was diagnosed with Type I Diabetes four and one half years ago. Since that time, Bradley has led a local crusade to educate citizens about the disease and raise additional funds to find a cure for diabetes.

Bradley fights to live a normal life in his upstate New York home—as normal as possible around the daily ritual of finger prick blood sugar tests, five insulin shots, and a strictly regimented diet. He actively participates in soccer, swimming, track, and the Boy Scouts. He also sings and plays the drums and bass.

Bradley recently visited my Washington, DC office in his role as Diabetes Ambassador for the American Diabetes Association. He won the trip by collecting 2,500 signatures on a petition in support of finding a cure for the disease. Bradley spent countless hours speaking to local citizens enroute to achieving his goal. I thank Bradley for educating the citizens of my district, as well as bringing his enthusiastic message to Capitol Hill.

Bradley's determination and desire to cure diabetes is commendable. I join Bradley in advocating a \$1 billion budget increase for diabetes research at the National Institutes of Health. Diabetes is a serious, debilitating, and deadly disease that must be cured.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the accomplishments of Bradley Fay and his Herculean efforts to increase funding for diabetes research. Also, please join me in advocating a budget increase to find a cure for this disease.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF MR. GLENN J. WILLIAMS

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2000

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a good friend of mine and a loyal champion of

Second Amendment rights, Mr. Glenn J. Williams of Greenbush, Michigan. Glenn is the Founder and Executive Director of the Michigan Big Game Hunters Association, an organization which is widely recognized as the proud voice of the many hunters in the great state of Michigan. In fact, Mr. Speaker, I believe it would be fair to say that Glenn's strong commitment to big game hunting and the outdoors is only overshadowed by the many admirers and friends he has in Michigan and throughout the United States.

Glenn was born in Detroit, Michigan and graduated from Dearborn High School, where he lettered in baseball and track and was Captain of the cross country team. He later graduated from Henry Ford Community College and attended the University of Kentucky and University of Michigan. When Glenn was asked to serve his country, he did so without hesitation and served admirably in the United States Army. He later went on to a very successful career as a financial analyst with Ford Motor Company.

As long as I have known Glenn, I have known him to be a dedicated husband and a committed family man. In 1967, Glenn married Grace A. Dansbury, an exemplary role model and devoted mother to their daughter, Marcy. They recently fulfilled their lifelong dream of building a beautiful home on Cedar Lake in Greenbush, Michigan. There, Grace and Glenn enjoy their other hobbies, fishing and golf. And of course, they enjoy watching their two favorite teams, the Detroit Pistons and the Detroit Tigers, with their family and numerous friends.

Not only is Glenn a dedicated family man, but his formidable hunting skills have earned him many awards, and he holds a number of hunting records across our country. In the Safari Club International Record Book, he holds six records for whitetail deer, and two state records in Ohio. Glenn won the 1992 and 1993 Commemorative Bucks of Michigan Scoring Awards, and he received the "Don Bonafield Memorial Award", named after one of the founders of the Commemorative Bucks of Michigan.

Glenn's formidable hunting skills have earned him the respect of hunters everywhere, but it is his leadership and work in protecting the rights of the hunting community which have earned him the admiration of all those who enjoy the outdoors. Some years ago, Glenn asked for my support, which I was pleased to give, in founding the Coalition of Michigan Sportsmen. With Glenn's typical energetic style and relentless perseverance, he has made this organization a strong advocate for hunters' rights and wildlife conservation efforts, and I, along with hunters everywhere, appreciate his tireless efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I invite you and our colleagues to join with me in commending Glenn Williams for his work on behalf of our many hunters in Michigan and in our country. I can state without reservation that Glenn has been a powerful advocate on behalf of sportsmen everywhere, and those of us who seek to protect all Americans' Second Amendment rights.

INTRODUCTION OF H. RES. 464
CALLING FOR THE MAGEN
DAVID ADOM SOCIETY'S ADMIT-
TANCE INTO THE INTER-
NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE
RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2000

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a distinguished group of co-sponsors, I am introducing today a resolution calling for a reaffirmation of congressional support for the admittance of the Magen David Adom Society as a full member into the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

The Magen David Adom Society, an Israeli relief agency that is equivalent to the American Red Cross, has served countless people in need from many nations for over seventy years. The Magen David Adom Society has given this aid to individuals regardless of race, religion or nationality. In the last year alone, Magen David Adom Society members were directly involved in relief work in Kosovo, Greece, Turkey and Indonesia. They were also invaluable in helping American relief agencies in the wake of the tragic bombings of our embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998.

It might come as a shock then that, while the national organizations of countries such as Iraq, Libya, and North Korea are all full members of the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, the Magen David Adom Society is not. Why has the Magen David Adom Society been denied membership in the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement since 1949? The answer to this question is simple, and sadly enough, political. The Magen David Adom Society has fulfilled the criteria for full membership, but has requested recognition of the Shield of David as its symbol. Out of respect for the sensibilities of Egypt, Turkey and other Islamic member nations, the International Movement has accepted the Red Crescent as a joint symbol, but has been unwilling to do the same for the Israel's Shield of David.

Israel's opponents have politicized the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent against her, a practice the American Red Cross describes as "an injustice of the highest order." The American Red Cross has repeatedly sought to have the Magen David Adom Society admitted as part of the International Movement, but has been thwarted by the political prejudices of a small number of nations.

In 1987, Congress affirmed its support for the Magen David Adom Society by requesting that they be admitted to the International Movement as full members. After 13 years, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is still dragging its feet on the issue, and the Israeli relief agency remains the victim of politics. We must reinforce our support for this praiseworthy organization by adopting this resolution and letting the other members of the International Movement know that we do not look favorably on political bias in international humanitarian organizations.